Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1814.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, the 13th of September, A. L. 5814.

PRESENT

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY FOWLE, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
E. JOHN LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
M.E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. ASA EATON, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN CHADWICK, . .	Grand Steward.
SETH JOHNSON, . .	" "
EBENEZER OLIVER, . .	Grand Tyler.
E. HENRY PURKETT, . .	Permanent Member.

The following Chapters Represented.

St. Andrew's by . .	M.E. HENRY FOWLE.
" " " . .	" Z. G. WHITMAN.
St. John's by . .	" CALEB BUTLER.
" " " . .	" D. LAWRENCE.
" " " . .	" I. GOODHUE.

King Solomon's by .	M.E. RICH'D CARRIQUE.
Washington by . .	E. THOMAS COLE.

King Cyrus and Mt. Vernon Chapters were not represented.

Visiters.

Rev. PAUL DEAN,	ISAAC MCGAW,
JOHN SOLEY,	WM. A. LEVERETT,
CHARLES C. NICHOLS,	ELISHA WHEELER.

Voted, That M.E. Comps. Andrew Sigourney, Henry Fowle and Richard Carrique, be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the records of the Grand Secretary for the past year, and to report what compensation shall be made them for their services.

The Committee having retired for the above purpose, on their return reported, that they had attended to the business assigned them, that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, which they find rightly cast and well vouched, and a balance in his hands due the Grand Chapter of eighty dollars and seventy-seven cents, and that he declines receiving any compensation for his services. They also report, that they find the records of the Grand Secretary correctly entered, and recommend that he be allowed and paid five dollars for his services, which report was accepted.

On motion of M.E. Andrew Sigourney, *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to receive at this Communication, bills of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island Banks, in payment of dues from Subordinate Chapters.

The Committee appointed to provide a suitable place for the future meetings of this Grand Chapter, reported that he has conferred with the lessees of Mason's Hall, Ann

Street, and finds that the Grand Chapter can be accommodated there as usual, paying to the lessees or their agent a rent of three dollars and thirty-three cents per annum, which report was accepted.

A report of the proceedings of a Convention of High Priests, stating that they had conferred the sublime and honorable Order of High Priesthood upon M.E. Comp. David Lawrence, he having produced the necessary vouchers, proving his having been elected to preside over St. John's Chapter at Groton. *Voted*, That the report be put on the files agreeably to their request.

The time for the choice of officers for ensuing year having arrived, the following Ex't Companions were appointed to collect, count and assort the votes, viz: Thomas Cole, David Lawrence and Henry Purkett.

The following Grand Officers were duly elected and appointed for the year ensuing.

M.E. John Abbot of Westford,	Grand High Priest.
" James C. King of Salem,	Dep. G. High Priest
E. Samuel L. Knapp of Newburyport,	Grand King.
" Andrew Sigourney of Boston,	Grand Scribe.
" Thomas P. Jackson of Boston,	Grand Treasurer.
" John Loring of Boston,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. Asa Eaton of Boston,	Grand Chaplain.
" Paul Dean of Boston,	" "
" Wilks Allen of Chelmsford,	" "
E. John B. Hammatt of Boston,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. Seth Johnson of Boston,	Grand Steward.
" John Chadwick of Boston,	" "
" Benj. Whitmore of Newburyport,	" "
" Nicholas Pierce of Newburyport,	" "
" Rich'd Hunnewell of Newburyport,	Grand Tyler.
" Ebenezer Oliver of Boston,	" "

The officers were then duly proclaimed, and those present were qualified and installed.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of a revision of the Regulations, &c., of this Grand Chapter, and of having the same printed, reported that they had attended the duty assigned them, and presented a manuscript, which they recommend as the Regulations and Forms to be adopted as a permanent system of government for this Grand Chapter, and the Chapters under its jurisdiction, and that the same be printed, under the superintendance of such person or persons as the said Grand Chapter shall appoint.

The above report having been read, it was unanimously *Voted*, that the same be accepted, and that Ex. Companions Henry Fowle, Andrew Sigourney, John B. Hammatt, Asa Peabody and Z. G. Whitman, be a Committee to have as many copies printed as they may deem necessary, and the Grand Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay the expense of the same.

A lecture was recited, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN LORING,

Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 13th of December, A. L. 5814.

PRESENT:

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand Marshal.
" Rev. PAUL DEAN, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" EBENEZER OLIVER, .	Grand Tyler.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Rep. by M.E. HENRY FOWLE.
" " " " Ex't R. LASH.
King Solomon's Chapter, Rep. by M.E. RICHARD CARRIQUE.
No other Chapters were represented.

The following Companions were admitted visiters by vote. viz:

ELIAS DAVISON,	SETH KNOWLTON,
JOHN CORLISS,	RICHARD S. SPOFFORD,
JOSEPH JENKINS,	JAMES LEWIS.
JAMES W. JENKINS,	BENJAMIN GLEASON,
E. G. HOUSE,	ROBERT DAWES.

Proceedings of the last Annual Communication was read.

A petition from Comp. E. L. Bascom and others, in the town of Greenwich, praying for a Charter to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in that town was read, and committed to Comps. J. B. Hammatt, R. Lash and R. Carrique, who having taken the subject into consideration, reported, "that the petition not being accompanied with the necessary documents, be laid on the files of this Grand Chapter until the usual approbation be obtained," which report was accepted, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their petition for the purpose of bringing it forward in proper form at the next Communication.

A communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont was read.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the names of the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, to the several Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and also to transmit to each a copy of the Regulations as adopted at the last Communication, and that he be authorized to have circulars printed for the above purpose.

Voted, That the officers and members of this Grand Chapter be entitled to a copy of the new Regulations, on application therefor to the Grand Secretary.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary transmit ten copies of the Regulations to each of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were in part given, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

JOHN LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 13th of June, A. L. 5815.

PRESENT:

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand High Priest.
E. J. C. KING, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.

E. Andrew Sigourney, . Grand King.
" Henry Purkett, . . Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Thomas P. Jackson, . Grand Treasurer.
" John Loring, . . . Grand Secretary.
" Edw'd Horsman, . . Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
Comp. Seth Johnson, . . Grand Steward.
" Eben'r Oliver, . . Grand Tyler.

E. Gilman White, . . . Past Grand King.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, by M.E. Henry Fowle, E. Robert Lash and E. Zach. G. Whitman.
King Cyrus, by Comp. Jona. G. Johnson, as High Priest.
Mount Vernon, by E. Edward Horsman, as High Priest, and Comp. William Lord, as Scribe.
St. John's, by Comp. Wm. F. Brazier, as High Priest, and E. Joseph Lewis, King.
King Solomon's, by M.E. Richard Carrique, High Priest.
Washington, by M.E. Thomas Cole, High Priest,

Visiters admitted by Vote.—Comps. E. L. Bascom, Warren P. Wing, Henry Padleford, Joseph Jenkins, James W. Jenkins and E. G. House.

Proceedings of the last Communication was read.

The petition of E. L. Bascom and others, praying for a warrant to hold a Chapter in the town of Greenwich, which was laid over from the last meeting, was again brought forward with the necessary documents, and also a remonstrance against the same, both of which being read by the Secretary, it was *Voted*, That the subject be committed to Comps. Henry Fowle, Gilman White and Henry Purkett, who having attended to the duty, reported as follows:

" The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Comp. E. L. Bascom and others, praying for a warrant to constitute them a

Royal Arch Chapter, and the remonstrance against the same, have attended the duties assigned them, and after hearing all parties interested in the same, and taking the subject into serious consideration, are of opinion that the interest of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted by granting the prayer of their petition; they therefore recommend the prayer be accordingly granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. Fowle, per order."

Voted, That the report be accepted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to make out a warrant for the petitioners forthwith.

A petition from King Solomon's Chapter at Charlton, stating their wishes to be regularly installed on the last Wednesday in August next, and praying the Grand Chapter " to adopt such measures as they in their wisdom shall see fit to carry the same into effect according to the usages and customs of masonry."

Voted, That the prayer of the petition be so far granted, that the Grand Chapter will attend for the above purpose on the first Wednesday in September next.

Voted, That Ex't Comps. Jonathan Gage, Gilman White and Lawrence Sprague, be a Committee to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter and the representatives of Subordinate Chapters, at the Annual Communication in September next.

Voted, The following vote be accepted as a standing rule of this Grand Chapter, viz:

That no person be admitted as a visiter at any Communication unless some member of said Grand Chapter, or Companion of right, sitting in the same, will of his own knowledge, declare that such person desirous of being admitted, has regularly received all

the degrees appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry, as conferred by the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were recited, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

JOHN LORING,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Charlton, on Wednesday, the 6th day of September, A. L. 5815.

PRESENT:

M.E. JOHN ABBOT,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" ELISHA WHEELER,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" EBEN'R H. PHILLIPS,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN LORING,	Grand Secretary.
" D. L. GIBBENS,	Grand Marshal.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the following report of the Committee appointed in August last was read and accepted.

To the M.E. John Abbot, Esq., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts:

Sir: The undersigned, honored by your appointment in August last, to examine the proceedings of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter at Charlton, have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully report, that the Chapter appears to be in a very prosperous condition; the officers generally, well instructed and capable of discharging the various duties of their important offices. And your committee are therefore of opinion, that the interests of the Craft will be promoted by the consecration of said Chapter, and the installation of the officers on the day contemplated.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, HENRY FOWLE, ELISHA WHEELER, DAN'L L. GIBBENS, } *Committee.*

Charlton, 5th Sept., 1815.

A procession was then formed to the Rev. Mr. Whipple's Meeting House, where King Solomon's Chapter was solemnly consecrated and the officers installed in ample and ancient form. After the benediction was pronounced, the procession again formed and returned to the Hall, where the Companions and brethren sat down to a plentiful and splendid entertainment, prepared by Comp. Jonathan Copeland. Sentiments, songs and social hilarity prevailed, and at an early hour, the Grand Chapter returned to their room and closed, and the company separated, well pleased with the harmony and good fellowship which had marked all the proceedings of the day.

The following is a list of the officers of King Solomon's Chapter, which were installed by the Grand Chapter, viz:

M.E. RICHARD CARRIQUE,	High Priest.
E. JOHN BROWN,	King.
" BENJAMIN STOW,	Scribe.
Comp. THADDEUS MARBLE,	Treasurer.
" JASON WATERS,	Secretary.
" GERSHOM PLYMPTON,	Royal Arch Captain.
" EPHRAIM WILLARD,	Captain of Host.
" ERICK MARSH,	Principal Sojourner.

Comp.	REUBEN HARRINGTON,	Master of Vail.
"	JOSEPH G. HALL,	" " "
"	FRANCIS O. CLARK,	" " "
"	JONATHAN COPELAND,	Steward.
"	MOSES WILLIAMS,	"
"	RUFUS BACON,	Tyler.

The first officer was installed by the M.E. Grand High Priest, the remainder by Ex't Comp. Henry Fowle, as Grand King.

Attest,

JOHN LORING,
Grand Secretary.